



TEMPLE HILL ACADEMY NEWS LETTER

December 2025

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Season's Greetings

It is hard to believe that it is December already. The Christmas season is here and with it comes the opportunity to reflect on what has been accomplished this year as well as spending quality time with family and friends which truly makes this time of year even more special.

May the peace that resounds during this season be with you and your family during this holiday season and always. We wish you and your family a restful winter recess, a blessed Christmas, and a very Happy New Year.

Support Learning during the Winter Break

As a parent, you can help and learn more by talking with your child about what he/she is learning in school. Take advantage of the time you will spend together during the break and have fun with activities that will promote thinking and problem solving.

- Select a book to read together during the break. Talk about what is happening in the story and make predictions about what may happen next. Use evidence from the text to support your predictions.
- Use the holiday season to expose your child to new vocabulary. You can do this by sharing stories about holiday traditions and about your childhood experiences.
- Build math fluencies by practicing addition and multiplication facts. There are many ways to have fun while working with math activities: use a timer to time each other, play matching games, dominoes, cards, etc. Many board games provide opportunities to think mathematically.

Felices días Festivos

Es increíble que estamos en el mes de diciembre. Los días navideños han llegado y estos días nos ofrecen la oportunidad de reflexionar en lo que hemos logrado durante el año y también tenemos la oportunidad de pasar tiempo con familiares y amigos lo cual hace esta temporada más especial.

Que la paz que resuena durante estos días festivos, sea con usted y su familia. Les deseo un receso lleno de descanso, una feliz navidad y un próspero año nuevo.

Apoye el aprendizaje durante este Receso

Como padre/madre, usted puede ayudar y aprender más acerca de lo que se está enseñando en la escuela mientras habla con su hijo/hija. Tome ventaja del tiempo que han de pasar juntos durante el receso y diviértanse con actividades que promueven las destrezas de pensar y resolver problemas.

- Seleccione un libro que puedan leer juntos durante el receso. Hablen acerca de lo que está pasando y hagan predicciones acerca de lo que sucederá mientras continúan leyendo.
- Use estos días festivos para enriquecer el vocabulario de su hijo/hija. Puede hacerlo al compartir cuentos relacionados a los días de festivos y también al compartir sus experiencias como niño/niña durante la navidad.
- Desarrolle fluidez en matemáticas practicando los factores de suma y multiplicación. Hay muchas maneras en que puede divertirse mientras apoya la práctica en matemáticas: use un marcador de tiempo para ver cuantos problemas de suma o multiplicación pueden resolver en dos o tres minutos, juegos con dominós y con cartas también apoyan destrezas necesarias para resolver problemas con fluidez.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 8th - Dec. 12th	PTO - Holiday Shop
Dec. 10th	Winter Concert & Art Show
Dec. 11th	PTO - Winter Event Mingle & Jingle
Dec. 18th & Dec. 19th	Kindergarten Tour for new students for 26-27 school year
Dec. 22nd	K-5 Report Card Distribution
Dec. 23rd	Half Day for Students
Dec. 24th - Jan. 2nd	Winter Break
Jan. 13th	Picture Retake day



K-5 REPORT CARDS

The report cards will be sent home with the K-5 students on Monday, December 22nd. They will also be available to view on your parent portal.

Las calificaciones serán enviadas a casa con los estudiantes de K a quinto grados el lunes 22 de diciembre. Las calificaciones también estarán disponible en el portal de padres.





PTO EVENTS

THA PTO Annual Holiday Shop

Holiday Shop

December 8th-12th, 2025
8:30AM-3:00PM

We will have gifts for anyone in your child's life. All gifts range from 25¢ up.

Volunteers are needed to help the holiday shop run smoothly. We welcome any amount of time you can give. Please visit our Facebook or Instagram to sign up.

Temple Hill Academy PTO

MINGLE & JINGLE

Thursday, December 11, 2025
At Temple Hill Academy from 6-8 PM

Join us for a fun night out with the family. Pre-pay is \$2 per person attending. Pay at the door is \$3 per person attending. This is not a drop off event. All students must be accompanied by an adult.

Crafts

Face Painting

Pictures with Santa and Friends

Holiday Trivia Contest

Music

Temporary Tattoos

Boba Tea \$5

Concession \$1

Raffles

Cookie Decorating Station

Blanket Sales \$25

Photo Stations

Craft & Vendor Fair

Games

This event is for Temple Hill Academy Families, Staff, and Faculty.

Pre-pay and save. Please return this portion to pre-register. Due back no later than Tuesday, December 9, and pay \$2 per person attending.

Students Name: _____ Grade: _____
Parents Name & Phone Number: _____
Teachers Name: _____
Number of people attending: _____ Total Enclosed: _____

DELAYS, DISMISSAL, CLOSURES

School closings, delayed openings, and early dismissals resulting from weather conditions or other emergency situations will be shared directly with our NECSD community via email and robocall, posted on the [NECSD website](#) and social media channels (@NewburghSchools), as well as provided to the local media. Please make sure your **contact information is up to date** so you receive these messages directly. As soon as a decision is made, our communications team is notified and shares the message with our community within minutes.

Robocalls made by the district will come from the phone number: 845-563-3455. Robocalls coming from a school building should come from the main number of that building. We suggest that families, faculty, and staff add these numbers as contacts in their phones. Some cell phone carriers will mark the calls as spam, and at times, the calls may bypass the alert system on your phone, sending the call directly to voicemail. The section for spam voicemails may be different than the section for voicemails from contacts.

Los cierres de escuelas, las demoras en la apertura y las salidas anticipadas debido a condiciones climáticas u otras situaciones de emergencia se compartirán directamente con la comunidad del NECSD por correo electrónico y llamada automática, se publicarán en el [sitio web del NECSD](#) y en las redes sociales (@NewburghSchools), y se proporcionarán a los medios de comunicación locales. Por favor, asegúrese de que su **información de contacto esté actualizada** para recibir estos mensajes directamente. En cuanto se tome una decisión, nuestro equipo de comunicaciones será notificado y compartirá el mensaje con la comunidad en cuestión de minutos.

Las llamadas automáticas realizadas por el distrito se realizarán desde el número de teléfono 845-563-3455. Las llamadas automáticas provenientes de un edificio escolar deben realizarse desde el número principal de dicho edificio. Sugerimos que las familias, el profesorado y el personal agreguen estos números como contactos en sus teléfonos. Algunos operadores de telefonía celular marcan las llamadas como spam y, en ocasiones, pueden eludir el sistema de alertas de su teléfono, enviándolas directamente al buzón de voz. La sección para mensajes de voz no deseados puede ser diferente a la de los mensajes de voz de los contactos.

DISTRICT NEWS

TEXTING BEGINS!

The district will begin sending texting messages this fall. To receive the messages, make sure your cell phone number is correct in the cell phone field. The number can be listed twice if that is your primary number. All parents/guardians who wish to receive a text should make sure their number is listed in the correct spot in their personal Parent Portal Account.

HELPFUL LINKS!

- [One page District calendar](#)
 - [21st Century Program & Empire Program](#)
 - [District Calendar Reminder](#)
- For detail information please visit [newburghschools.org](#)

PRE-K INFORMATION SESSIONS

Please help us spread the word to reach our youngest future Goldiebacks!

Pre-K Program | Information Sessions

The NECSD Universal Pre-K Program is Free!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 2026

8:30am - 9:30am

Gidney Avenue Memorial School (GAMS)

300 Gidney Ave., Newburgh, NY 12550

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

5:00pm-6:00pm

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GAMS

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Newburgh, NY 12550

Join us to:

- Learn about each UPK site across our district
- Get details on registration, transportation, and school options
- Explore the UPK daily schedule and learning environment
- Meet a classroom teacher and visit a sample Pre-K classroom

2026-2027 UPK Registration Opens: February 2, 2026

EVERY

GOLDBACK

every day